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## HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

FORM No.I

(See Rule 7)

### DECLARATION

The 26th February, 2024

**S.R.O. No. 124/2024**—WHEREAS, it was alleged that Shri Ashish Kumar Behera, S/o. Rabindranath Behera, present address- Flat No.12KA, Block No.-6, Mani Tribhuvan Apartment, Patia, PS- Nandankanan, Bhubaneswar, Dist.- Khurda, State- Odisha, while holding high public office in the State of Odisha as Divisional Forest Officer, Berhampur, Dist. - Ganjam committed an offence under clause (e) of sub-section (1) of Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and that the matter was investigated in Vigilance Cell P.S. Case No. 08, dated the 20th July, 2019.

AND, WHEREAS, on scrutiny of relevant materials available on record, the State Government is of the opinion that there is *prima facie* case of Commission of the offence by Shri Ashish Kumar Behera, who has accumulated properties disproportionate to his known sources of income by resorting to corrupt means;

AND, WHEREAS, it is felt necessary and expedient by the Government that the said offender should be tried by the Special Court established under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of Special Courts Act, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 5 of Special Courts Act, 2006 (Orissa Act 9 of 2007), the

State Government do hereby declare that the said offence shall be dealt with under the Special Courts Act, 2006.

[No.190—HOME-SPL3-SPLC-0002/2024/C.]

By Order of the Governor

SANTOSH BALA

Special Secretary to Government